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1. ANDERSON AND PASCOE CALLED ON HSIAO TEH MARCH 27 TO CONVEY POINTS IN REFTTEL. HSIAO SAID CHINESE SIDE WOULD REVIEW THE DOCUMENTS WITH THIS INFORMATION AND GET BACK TO US QUICKLY. HE THEN COMMENTED THAT WE COULD AGAIN HOLD A FORMAL SIGNING CEREMONY AT THE FOREIGN MINISTRY OR MERELY EXCHANGE THE SIGNED DOCUMENTS ON A PREARRANGED DATE AND ASKED IF WE HAD ANY PREFERENCE ON THIS MATTER. HE SAID WE SHOULD DISCUSS IT AT OUR NEXT MEETING IMPLYING IT WOULD BE OUR FINAL WORKING SESSION. MEETING WAS SHORT AND TONE SUBDUED BUT THERE WAS NO REFERENCE TO THE PERFORMING ARTS TROUPE CANCELLATION.

2. COMMENT: HSIAO SEEMED TO SUGGEST THAT CHINESE SIDE WOULD PREFER A LOW-KEY EXCHANGE OF SIGNED DOCUMENTS THIS TIME AROUND RATHER THAN A FORMAL SIGNING CEREMONY. USLO HAS NO STRONG FEELINGS ON THIS MATTER AND WOULD BE WILLING TO FOREGO THE CEREMONY. HOWEVER, THE DEPARTMENT MAY CONCLUDE THAT FORMAL CEREMONY WOULD PROVIDE USEFUL EVIDENCE OF CONTINUATION OF THE EXCHANGES DESPITE THE PERFORMING ARTS DELEGATION CANCELLATION AS WELL AS GENERATE SOME PUBLICITY FOR THE SAN FRANCISCO MUSEUM TO USE IN ITS PROMOTIONAL EFFORT. ON THE OTHER HAND, SIMPLE PRESS RELEASE MIGHT ACCOMPLISH SAME PURPOSE. PLEASE

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